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Seeley Genealogical Society Research Report: Following Up On Obadiah Seeley

Report by
Apryl Cox AG®

Editor's Note: This report from Apryl Cox on research she did in New England records for information on Obadiah Seeley is a follow-up to the report printed in a previous SGS newsletter.

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Background Information

During the previous project, research began in New York records for the candidates identified as the possibly father of Augustus Seeley, but the study was not completed. One candidate was eliminated, but other candidates remained:

From Cornelius Seeley's descendants:

- Grandson **David**, son of Cornelius Jr. (b. 26 Jul 1700, Bedford, Westchester, NY; md. Abigail Beecher 28 Dec 1720, New Haven, CN; d. before 1747).
 - David supposedly had a son Timothy, born 1722, Bedford, Westchester, NY, who died

after 1747. The question was whether David had another son named Augustus, born about 1739.

- Grandson **Joseph**, son of Cornelius, Jr. (b. 1705 Bedford, Westchester, NY).
 - Nothing was known about Joseph after his birth. Did he have children?
- Grandson **Joseph**, son of Joseph (b. 1706/7 Bedford, Westchester, NY; md. Joanna Westcott 1736, Bedford, Westchester, NY; d. between 1746 and 1751 [year differs between sources], Bedford, Westchester, NY).

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SGS Mission Statement

The Society shall engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for the education and benefit of its members and for posterity.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy, history or biography; amateur or professional. Although the name Seeley refers to one family surname, SGS counts among its family those with surnames spelled a variety of ways such as: Seeley, Seely, Seelye, Sealy, Sealey, Seley, Selye, Seale, Seelee, Seela, Cieley, Cealy, Cilley, etc.

Membership Dues

Effective Oct. 1, 2011 SGS Membership dues are \$10 per year, \$18 two years, \$25 three years, or \$36 five years. Lifetime memberships are \$125. (Dues are in U.S. dollars and the membership year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30) Pay all dues to:

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for 2019, in San Diego, CA. Please advise the editor if your branch or family has plans for a sectional or local reunion in the interim. Others might like to know about it.

Editorial Position

The editorial opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Society or the editors, nor are the Society or its editors responsible for errors of fact or opinion. Proved errors will be corrected.

SGS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Seeley Genealogical Society President, Lynda Simmons

We want to know more about your Seeleys. We know many made a big difference in their communities, and we would love to hear about them. Please find their stories and bring them to share with us at the SGS 2019 Reunion in San Diego, CA. We send a special invitation to every SGS member and every Seeley to come to San Diego to tell your Seeley stories with your cousins.

San Diego is a wonderful place for the 2019 Reunion. It is sunny and surrounded by beautiful scenery. We are excited to have our Reunion centered in Old Town where much of the early history of San Diego took place. Our speakers will tell us all about the area, its history, and the genealogy of area Seeleys, such as Albert and Emily Seeley; he founded and ran the Cosmopolitan Hotel as a stage stop, post office, and hotel, building a stable next door. David and Justus Wellington Seely helped found nearby San Bernardino and ran a sawmill in the mountains above the town. David and his wife, Mary, are buried the Old Pioneer cemetery in San Bernardino. In 1846 San Diego was the end of the longest march in US Military history, undertaken by the Mormon Battalion which began its march in Council Bluffs, IA, and ended it months later in San Diego, where the battalion was stationed until 1848.

The SGS 2019 Reunion Committee has been great. I want to thank each one for all they have done and are doing to make the reunion informative and fun. Committee members include Patricia Palmer, Kelly Findley, Jesse Crisler, Jim

Seeley, Margaret Petersen, Kathie Olsen, Camille Bell, Linda Crocker, LeAnne Seely, and myself. We had a wonderful time in San Diego last January as

we visited sites, met speakers, and made plans for a great reunion. The members of the committee are continuing to work very hard.

Along with planning the reunion, SGS has had a lot of research completed this year. Researcher Apryl Cox has been helping the Society for several years, and Bruce Murduck completed his research this year. Their reports have been printed in issues of the newsletter. There is more research available in this newsletter. We thank Apryl and Bruce as well as Wesley Waring, chairman of the Research Committee, who has summarized many of these research reports.

Please plan to bring your computer to San Diego when you come to the reunion. We want you to be able to share your Seeley genealogy with your cousins and learn new information from them. We are interested in all of the different spellings of Seeley.

I surely hope you are making plans to come! You can drive, take a plane, come by train, but please make your plans to come. The San Diego Airport is very close to Old Town and our SGS Conference Center. San Diego is a great place to be to learn and share information about your relatives. So saddle up Seeleys and come to San Diego!



Long Time SGS Treasurer Bill Thresher Passes Away

Published in The Observer-Dispatch, Utica, NY from Oct. 5 to Oct. 6, 2018

Although sharing news of the passing of a long-time SGS member is a sad duty, it is perhaps apropos that we do so in the case of William "Bill" Thresher in the November issue of the newsletter (which traditionally features the society's annual financial report) because he served as the SGS Treasurer for more than 10 years.

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Thresher's contribution's to the society were noteworthy and summed up in a letter of commendation from SGS presented at the 2003 SGS Reunion in Williamsburg, VA.



Here is the obituary his family shared with the Utica, NY newspaper:

William J. Thresher, Jr, age 91, of Shelton, entered into rest unexpectedly on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. William was born in Little Falls, NY, on April 1, 1927, son of the late William James and L. Mildred (Handy) Thresher and has been a Shelton resident since 1965. He graduated from Utica College of Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. William was a veteran of the US Army, serving from 1945 to 1946. He was employed at Remington Arms Co., Inc., from 1951 to 1985, where

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2015 SGS Annual Treasurer's Report

*Submitted by SGS Treasurer Margaret Petersen
For the Period Oct. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2018*

Seeley Genealogical Society Assets Beginning Oct. 1, 2017

Checkbook Balance on Sept. 30, 2018	11,206.02
Investment Balance on Sept. 30, 2018	72,425.88
TOTAL SGS ASSETS	83,631.90

Mountain America Credit Union Checking Account

Beginning Checkbook Balance on Oct. 1, 2017 \$11,206.02

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$401.00
Life Membership	\$250.00
Books	\$137.00
CDs	\$30.00
Donations	\$418.00
Hard Copies of Newsletters	\$157.00
Preorder 2017 Reunion Souvenir Books	\$105.00
18 Month CD Matured	\$5,274.04
Beginning Balance:	\$5,168.14
Interest Earned:	\$105.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$6,772.04

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	\$56.64
Supplies	\$7.42
Newsletter Printing	\$415.90
Newsletter Postage	\$128.64
Maintain Seelye Research Center	\$1,000.00
Utah State Renewal Fee	\$10.00
National Genealogical Society Dues	\$50.00
Domain Name Registration	\$16.99
Genealogical Research	\$5,986.00
Apryl Cox	\$1,221.00
Bruce D. Murduck	\$4,765.00
Reunion 2019 (San Diego) deposits	\$1,408.33
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,079.92

Ending Checkbook Balance on Sept. 30, 2018 \$8,898.14

Mountain America Credit Union (Five Year CD at 2.75%)

Beginning CD Balance on Oct. 1, 2017	\$72,425.88
TOTAL INTEREST EARNED	\$3,155.00
Ending CD Balance on Sept. 30, 2018	\$75,581.37

Seeley Genealogical Society Assets Ending Sept. 30, 2018

Checkbook Balance on Sept. 30, 2018	\$8,898.14
Investment Balance on Sept. 30, 2018	\$75,581.37
TOTAL SGS ASSETS	\$84,484.48

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- o Joseph may have had a son Eli, born in 1736, a son James who died before 1798, and a son William (birth year unknown); another source states that he had no known issue. Did he have a son Augustus?

From Jonas Seeley's descendants:

- Son **Nathaniel** (b. 23 Aug 1699 Stamford, Fairfield, CT; some records state he MD. Catherine Berklo 1723, and second Elizabeth Holly).
- o Nathaniel may have lived in North Castle, NY. His death date and children are unknown.

A genealogy of Seeleys of Pound Ridge, Westchester, NY, names a number of Seeley men, including a Nathaniel Seeley who married Elizabeth Haley in 1722.¹ This Nathaniel may have been the Nathaniel, born 1699, in Stamford. There is no indication in this genealogy as to where this Nathaniel was born. If he was the Nathaniel born in 1699, then he would no longer be a candidate to be Augustus's father, since all of Nathaniel's children were born in Pound Ridge, and none was named Augustus. However, since it is not certain that the Seeley of Pound Ridge was the Nathaniel born in Stamford, the Nathaniel born in Stamford cannot yet be eliminated as a candidate.

Research is needed to expand to additional towns and counties in both NY and MS. This project began by noting the NY and CN sources searched previously to avoid duplicating research. Research conducted in the last project revealed that many Westchester, NY, church

and probate sources begin too late in time to be of use to this study.

Westchester Co., NY

Research continued in Westchester Co., NY, sources by searching church records of Rye. Two Seeley men are listed in histories of the Rye parish church—Cornelius Seeley who was a churchwarden in 1710² and 1711, and Joseph Seeley who served as a vestryman 1723-5, 1727-33, 1736-7.³ This information proves that an adult Joseph Seeley was living in Rye about the time Augustus was born. This Joseph could be one of the candidates listed above.

Many Seeleys are listed in the Bedford Historical Records collection, but at this time, the only men of interest are Augustus, David, Joseph, and Nathaniel. Volume 1 of this series mentions a David Seeley and a Joseph Seeley, but no children are listed for these two men.⁴ Volume 3 lists the same two men, but the land transactions included for David and Joseph are dated too early to be helpful in determining if either man was the father of Augustus.⁵ What is beneficial to note, however, is that both men were still living in Bedford in the early 1700s; neither had moved to Boston. Volume 4 contains abstracts of two deeds that prove that David Seeley did have a son Timothy, and Joseph Seeley, Sr., did have a son Eli.

*Deed dated 1 Apr 1747 – Joseph, son of Cornelius Seeley, Jr., late of Bedford, deceased, and Timothy, son of David Seeley and grandson of the above Cornelius Seeley, Jr., sold land in Bedford to Thomas Lyon of Rye.*⁶

Deed dated 7 Jun 1759 – Eli Seeley of Bedford sold to John Holmes, John

*Miller, and Zedekiah Mills four acres in Bedford that belong to Joseph Seeley, Sr., deceased, which descended to Eli as heir-at-law.*⁷

*Volume 7 presents information about Bedford soldiers who served during the Revolutionary War. Three Seeley men are discussed:*⁸

Eli Seeley—In an 1848 interview of Isaac Daniels of Chestnut Ridge, Isaac mentioned Eli Seeley who with others took Col. DeLancey's horses. Thaddeus Seeley—In the same 1848 interview, Isaac Daniels stated that Thaddeus, a private in his company, was wounded and taken by the British.

Gideon Seeley—Was a member of a grand jury in Westchester Co. in 1778.

Two Bedford cemetery publications were examined and each named Seeley men, but none of the Seeleys named are David, Joseph, or Nathaniel.⁹ John Thomas Scharg's *History of Westchester County, New York*, includes a Joseph Seeley, but he was born too early to be one of the two Joseph Seeleys of interest. No Seeleys named Augustus, David, or Nathaniel are mentioned.¹⁰

A few selected sources were searched for other towns within Westchester Co. No Seeleys were noted in New Castle deed records (1657-1763),¹¹ New Rochelle town records,¹² or Mamaroneck town records.¹³

Massachusetts

Since Augustus once claimed to be born in Boston, sources for Boston were searched for the presence of

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Seeley couples about the time Augustus would have been born. This study has just begun, and more sources can be examined in the future. The following vital records and a will collection were searched during the remaining time in this project.

William S. Appleton, *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1630-1699. Boston Births, 1700-1800: Two Volumes in One* (Baltimore, MD: Clearfield, 1994) FHL book 974.461 V2a

- No Seeleys born 1736-1742
- Edward Webster McGlenen, *Boston Marriages from 1700 to 1809* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1977) FHL book 974.461 V2b

- Two "Seeley" marriages, but both dated too late for them to be parents of Augustus
 - Mar 24 Dec 1747 – George Seale and Margaret Wilson
 - Mar 17 Feb 1749 – Edward Selley and Elizabeth Souter
- Robert J. Dunkle, *Deaths in Boston 1700 to 1799* (Boston, MS: New England Historic Genealogical Society, c1999) FHL book 974.461 V2dr, v. 2

- No Seeleys listed

Ogden Codman, *Hollis Street Church, Boston: Records of Admissions, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1732-1887* (Boston, MD: New England Historic Genealogical Society, c1998) FHL book 974.461 K2c

- No Seeleys listed

Judith McGhan, *Suffolk County Wills: Abstracts of the Earliest Wills upon Record in the County of Suffolk, Massachusetts* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1984) FHL book 974.46 P2s

- Only one Seeley located in the

index—John Seeley, record dated 1648

Boston, MS. Record

Commissioners, *A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston* (Boston, MS: Rockwell and Churchill, 1876-1909) FHL book 974.461 H2b, v. 15

- No Seeleys listed
- Boston, MS. Record
- Commissioners, *A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston* (Boston, MS: Rockwell and Churchill, 1876-1909) FHL book 974.461 H2b, v. 6

- No Seeleys listed
- Additional sources can be searched in the future.

FamilySearch Family Tree

The British ancestry of Obadiah Seeley was checked on *FamilySearch Family Tree* to make certain that all information from previous reports was included. Obadiah Seeley (LKKM-HKM) was the starting point. Many people have been working on Obadiah's ancestry recently. D Couris deleted parent-child relationships in February 2018, adding Alice Bissell as Obadiah's mother and changing the father. The reason given was "attempting to repair an erroneous merge." Erroneous merges happen frequently in Family Tree! A month later, Sherry Molyneux added Alice Bissell and William Seeley, Jr., as Obadiah's parents, with no explanation as to what had changed, but the changes were probably the results of finding more duplicates. Currently (25 May 2018), Obadiah is listed with his 5 Jun 1614 christening at St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, and is seen as the son of William Seeley, Jr., and

Alice Bissell. This is correct.

Obadiah's wife is listed as Mary Angell. No attempt was made to alter his marriage information. The focus was to check his ancestry.

Obadiah's father, William Seeley (LT51-RJK), showed a birthdate of 13 Jul 1595, Birmingham, Warwickshire, and a death in April 1646, Huntingdonshire. He had three marriages to Alice Bissell (no mg. date or place), to Margaret Brenham (mg. about 1608, no place), and to Bridget Lills (12 Oct 1614 Huntingdonshire). Obviously, William Seeley had been incorrectly merged with at least one other man—a man from Huntingdonshire, based on his parents' marriage at Great Grandsen, Huntingdonshire. No attempt was made to remove the other two wives or his parents as interested parties would merely add them again to Family Tree. However, his children with Alice Bissell were corrected. Their children, Samuel, Mary, and Elizabeth, had been linked to the wrong couple. William Seeley's marriage to Alice Bissell (L2CB-G9V) was missing, and so this event was added.

William Seeley's (LT51-RJK) parents are seen as William Seeley, Sr., and Grace Prett who married in Great Grandsen. A new set of parents was added to William today: William Seeley (LBT2-313) and his wife Alice Bloxish (LBTK-5HY). Their marriage information was added and reserved.

Alice Bloxish's father (Richard Bloxish, LBTK-P4B) and her siblings had not been added to Family Tree. These individuals were added and reserved.

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Alice Bissell's parents, William Bissell (LBT2-3WR) and Alice Chamber (LBT2-W8Q), had not been added to Family Tree. These individuals, and their children, were added and reserved.

William Bissell's parents, Thomas Bissell (LBT2-WXQ) and Elizabeth, had not been added to Family Tree. These individuals, and their children, were added and reserved.

Conclusion

Additional Westchester Co. sources, including volumes of the Bedford Historical Records collection, were searched. Seeley men were located, but either these individuals were not the candidates being sought, or the entries pertaining to them are dated too early to be of substantial help in identifying Augustus Seeley's parents. Boston vital records and a wills collection were also searched, but they did not identify any candidates likely to be Augustus Seeley's parents.

Corrections were made to several of Obadiah Seeley's British ancestors in *FamilySearch* Family Tree. Once that task was completed, a number of his missing British ancestors were added to that tree.

Recommendations from Previous Projects

- Search records of Berkshire Co., MA, as Berkshire borders Rensselaer County, NY, where the Brisbins lived. Look for mention of Augustus or any Seeleys that may have lived in this county in the mid-1700s.
- Search records of Ulster Co., Dutchess Co., and Albany Co. for

the remaining Seeley candidates, and for mention of Augustus.

- Search additional sources for Orange Co. and the city of Newburgh for mention of Augustus Seeley and for remaining candidates to be his father.
- Continue to search Boston and Suffolk Co. records, such as the selectmen's minutes 1736-1775 (FHL book 974.461 N2b), church records, court records, and deed indexes, as they might reveal a Seeley male living in Boston or Suffolk County about 1739.

Footnotes:

1. Jay Harris, *God's Country: A History of Pound Ridge, New York* (Chester, CN: Pequot Press, c1971) FHL book 974.7277/P4 H2h.
2. Charles W. Baird, *History of Rye, Westchester County, New York, 1660-1870: Chronicle of a Border Town, including Harrison and the White Plains till 1788* (New York, NY: A.D.F. Randolph, 1871) FHL book 974.7277/R1 H2.
3. Christ's Church of Rye, *Services in Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the First Election of Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish of Rye, New York*, seen digitally on FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org).
4. Bedford, NY. Publications Committee, *Bedford Historical Records: 1680-1899* (Bedford Hills, NY: Town of Bedford, NY, 1966-1980) FHL book 974.7277/B1 N2b, v. 1.
5. Bedford, NY. Publications Committee, *Bedford Historical Records: 1680-1899* (Bedford Hills, NY: Town of Bedford, NY, 1966-1980) FHL book 974.7277/B1 N2b, v. 3.
6. Bedford, NY. Publications

Committee, *Bedford Historical Records: 1680-1899* (Bedford Hills, NY: Town of Bedford, NY, 1966-1980) FHL book 974.7277/B1 N2b, v. 4.

7. Ibid.
8. *Bedford Soldiers of the Revolution: A List of Combatants, Freeholders and Heads of Families, 1763-1790, with Some Eyewitness Accounts of Life in the "Neutral Ground" and a Summary of the Events of the War in Bedford* (Bedford Hills, NY: Town of Bedford, NY, 1976) FHL book 974.7277/B1 N2b, v. 7.
9. *Town of Bedford Cemeteries, 1681-1975: Community and Church Graveyards and Family Burial Grounds, an Alphabetical List of Tombstone Inscriptions and Other Records* (Bedford Hills, NY: Town of Bedford, NY, c1977) FHL book 974.7277/B1 N2b, v. 8; Francis F. Spies, *Bedford, N. Y., Inscriptions Copied from Gravestones Arranged with Genealogical Notes and Index* (Salem, MS: Higginson Book Co., [199-?]) FHL book 974.7277 V3s.
10. John Thomas Scharg, *History of Westchester County, New York, including Morrisania, Kings Bridge, and West Farm, which have been Annexed to New York City* (Philadelphia, PA: L.E. Preston, 1886) FHL book 974.7277 H2s.
11. Francis K. Decker, *Deeds and Misdeeds, 1657 - 1763: the Story of New Castle's Beginnings* (New Castle, NY: The Chappaqua Historical Society, c1975) FHL book 974.7277/N3 H2d.
12. Jeanne A. Forbes, *Records of the Town of New Rochelle, 1699-1828* (New Rochelle, NY: J.A. Forbes, c1916) FHL book 974.7277/N1 N2f.
13. Mary O'Connor English, *Early Town Records of Mamaroneck, 1697-1881* ([Mamaroneck, NY: Town of Mamaroneck, 1979) FHL book 974.7277/M1 N2e.

Summary of SGS Research by Apryl Cox

Objectives

- Make certain FamilySearch Family Tree has current information for the British ancestors of Obadiah Seeley.
- Search Westchester Co. land records and records of individual towns within Westchester (such as Rye) for possible candidates as Augustus Seeley's father.
- Search Boston and Suffolk Co. records, such as the selectmen's minutes 1736-1775 (FHL book 974.461 N2b), church records, court records, and deed indexes, as they might reveal a Seeley male living in Boston or Suffolk Co. about 1739.

Results

- Searched additional Westchester Co. sources, including volumes of the Bedford Historical Records

collection and found mention of Seeley men, but either these individuals were not the candidates being sought, or the entries pertaining to them were dated too early to be of substantial help in identifying Augustus's parents.

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Saddle Up Seeleys! California Here We Come!

The 2019 SGS Reunion is Set in San Diego June 27 -29

Story by SGS President Lynda Simmons

This is the first time the Seeley Genealogical Society has held our reunion in California. We are excited about the Seeley history in the area, listening to our informed speakers, the beautiful scenery and endless number of activities for all our members and their families.

We extend a special invitation to our Seeleys in California and the West. Please drive or fly in to be part of this fun reunion! You will meet your cousins, learn more about the Seeleys, (regardless of spelling), and have a wonderful time in San Diego.

The reunion conference center will be [The Cosmopolitan Hotel](#) which was built in 1834 by Juan Bandini for his family home. In 1867, Albert and Emily Seeley purchased the home and transformed it into a

hotel, stagecoach stop, and post office which they called The Cosmopolitan Hotel. They built the Seeley Stables next door.

The hotel was a boardinghouse from 1888 until 1929. It was restored as a hotel and had a

makeover from 1947 to 1950 to look like a Spanish colonial hacienda. California State Parks acquired the building along with numerous others in 1968 and made the hotel the centerpiece of [Old Town San Diego State Historical Park](#). The hotel underwent an extensive restoration in 2007. The Cosmopolitan only has ten



The Cosmopolitan Hotel in Old Town San Diego is the site of the 2019 Seeley Genealogical Society's International Reunion. On the right side of photo, behind the hotel, you can see historic Seeley Stables. (Wikimedia Commons Photo by Bernard Gagnon)

rooms, which have already been reserved during the reunion, but there are several other hotels nearby. The Old Town Inn is giving special rates to the Seeleys. A list of the hotels in the area in on page 10 of this newsletter.

Most of our meetings will be in

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this historical hotel along with two of our dinners. We are so happy to meet in the middle of Seeley history. The SGS Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, June 26 and then our first general meeting will be Thursday morning, June 27, 2019.

At the reunion we would love to hear about your Seeleys, especially the ones in California and the West. Many of these ancestors were key in the development of the western United States. Please find stories about your ancestors and share them with us at the reunion. Please let me know if you are interested in sharing your family's story so we can make you part of the program for our reunion.

About an hour away from San Diego, other Seelys were part of California history. In 1853, Brigham Young asked brothers David and Justus Wellington Seely and their families to settle San Bernardino. They did that and established a sawmill in the mountains near San Bernardino. Justus Wellington and his family went back to live in the Utah Territory, but David and his family stayed in San Bernardino and were buried in the local cemetery. Today, [Camp Seely](#) stands on the property where their sawmill was located a



mile north of present day Crestline Village, CA.

There are so many fun things to see and do in the San Diego area! You all know about the great [San Diego Zoo](#), [SeaWorld](#), [Legoland](#), [beautiful beaches](#), and [the picturesque harbor](#), but there are lots of other wonderful things to visit and enjoy.

Here are some we thought you would like to know about. [Old Town San Diego](#) is our reunion convention center. It is full of early California history. Jesse Crisler has written an excellent article about Old Town. It appears on page 9.

[Balboa Park](#) is a 1,200-acre cultural park full of beauty and



activities. It contains museums, gardens, walking paths, natural vegetation, open spaces, several theaters, and the world-famous San Diego Zoo.

[Mission San Diego](#) is the most southerly and oldest of California's original 21 missions. This beautiful mission was built in 1769, burned in 1775 and rebuilt at its present site. Olives were first cultivated there. The Mission was occupied by American forces from 1848 to 1858 and was then abandoned until 1891. Then the church was used as a mission school. The mission was rebuilt in 1931 to reflect the 1813 appearance.

The famous [Hotel del Coronado](#) is both a National Historic Landmark and a California Historic Landmark. It is a wooden Victorian beach resort and the second largest wooden structure in America. The hotel features 399 luxury rooms, seven bars and restaurants, pools, hot tubs, and

fitness center, all located by a pleasant sandy beach. One can stay at the hotel or just wonder through its lobby, shops, exquisite gardens, and beckoning beaches.

The [San Diego State University Library Special Collection](#) houses a copy of Copernicus's *De Revolutionibus*, published in 1543 included in their Historic Astronomy Collection.

For those researching their family history, [The San Diego Public Library](#)'s ninth floor houses its



genealogy collections and Rare Book Room. The [Nuremberg Chronicles](#), published in 1497, are also housed there along with miniature books printed by Aldus Manutius, medieval manuscripts, a first edition of Samuel Johnson's Dictionary, Genealogy Collections, and California Collections. In addition to that, both libraries house collections and historical items related to the region and might be good stops for your family history research.

[Cabrillo National Monument](#) commemorates the landing of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542. He was the first European to set foot in California. The Visitor's Center has films and museum displays describing the event. Other attractions include the [Old Point Loma Lighthouse](#), an Assistant Keeper's Quarters, hiking trails along intertidal pools and shore

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rocks, and a historic radio station building which shows a film on the military history of Fort Rosecrans.

[Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery](#), a California Historical



Landmark and is listed on the National Register, was named for

Major General William Rosecrans. The cemetery has many monuments in its seventy-seven beautifully landscaped acres which are home to more than 101,000 graves. There are 23 Medal of Honor recipients, 62 Sailors who died aboard the [USS Bennington](#) in 1905, and soldiers who died in the Battle of San Pasqual in 1846. The cemetery is near the Cabrillo National Monument.

San Diego has a good [trolley and bus system](#) which is very

reasonable and gives easy access to many of these sites. There is a station in Old Town and the system features many stops within the city of San Diego.



Old Town San Diego State Historic Park

Story by SGS 2nd Vice President Jesse Crisler

Old Town San Diego, site of the 2019 SGS reunion, features a number of important buildings that should appeal to attendees interested in the history of southern CA. Members of the SGS Executive Board will conduct a walking tour of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park as part of the reunion. Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1971, the Park is the most visited of California state parks. Among its attractions are five original adobe buildings, including [Casa de Estudillo](#), built in 1827 and now a National Historic Landmark, [Casa de Machado y Silvas](#), dating from the 1840s, and [Casa de Machado y Stewart](#), erected in the early nineteenth century. Besides these and other adobes, the park also contains [Colorado House](#), an 1850s hotel now housing the [Wells Fargo History Museum](#); the [first San Diego courthouse](#); [Mason Street School](#), the first public school in the city; and the [San Diego Union Museum](#), home of a mid-19th-century newspaper.

Of special interest to SGS

members are two other attractions in the park. The first, the Cosmopolitan Hotel, a National Historic Landmark, was built between 1827 and 1829 in the Spanish colonial style by cattle rancher Don Juan Bandini; two and a half decades later Bandini sold his home, which later, in 1869, was purchased by Albert Seeley, a stage master, for \$2000 in gold. By renovating the original first story and adding a wood-framed second story and balconies in classic Greek revival style, Seeley converted it to a stage stop and hotel. After Seeley sold the building in 1888 for \$15,000 in gold, it passed through a number of owners, including Bandini's grandson Cave J. Coutts, Jr., who bought it in 1928, architecturally remodeling it in Steamboat Revival, adding electricity two years later and renaming it the Miramar as both a hotel and restaurant; James H. and Nora Cardwell, who purchased the property in 1945, their son Frank renovating it as a tourist motel; and the state of California which acquired the site in 1968, the year Old Town became a

state park. Reopened in 2010 as the Cosmopolitan Hotel and Restaurant, the building has been lovingly restored to its heyday under Seeley's ownership.

Seeley also built and owned [Seeley Stable](#) to support his stage line. Though the original building was demolished in 1920, the Seeley Stable Museum was reconstructed in 1974 and is now an extensive museum with three large exhibit areas on the main floor, an upstairs loft, and the yard outside, each offering a wealth of information on the history of transportation in the late nineteenth century.

Additionally, Old Town offers plenty of gift shops, live demonstrations, gardens, and houses, all within easy walking distance of each other, as are a number of other nearby attractions adjacent to the park itself, such as the [Mormon Battalion Historic Site](#), [El Campo Santo Cemetery](#), the [San Diego Sheriff's Museum](#), and the [Whaley House Museum](#) complex, all but the last boasting free admission.

Hotels and Airports in San Diego

Now is the time to begin planning your trip for the 2019 SGS Reunion in San Diego. There are many hotels and airports in the region to choose from. The hotels listed below are in Old Town or Hotel Circle. SGS Reunion meetings will be held at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

- [Cosmopolitan Hotel](#)

2660 Calhoun Street
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 297-1874

- [The Old Town Inn](#)

4444 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92110-3107
(619) 260-8024

The Old Town Inn has reserved 37 rooms for the SGS Reunion at special rates. Just ask for a room in the Seeley Genealogical Society Room Block before May 31, 2019. The types of rooms and prices were listed in the August 2018 newsletter, page 4. There are also other hotels in the area to consider, including:

- [Fairfield Inn & Suites San Diego Old Town](#)

3900 Old Town Ave
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 299-7400

- [Best Western Plus Hacienda Hotel Old Town](#)

4041 Harney Street
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 298-4707

- [Courtyard by Marriott San Diego Old Town](#)

2435 Jefferson St
San Diego, CA 92110-3097
(619) 260-8500

- [Old Town Western Inn](#)

3889 Arista St
San Diego, CA 92110
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San Diego, CA 92108
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If you are flying to the reunion, you have several options depending on how far you are willing to travel to get to the reunion location and what your ground transportation plans are.

- [San Diego International Airport](#) is four miles from Old Town and the Cosmopolitan Hotel

- [John Wayne Airport](#) in Santa Ana is 85.6 miles away, driving time about 1 hour and 33 minutes

- [Long Beach Airport](#) is 101.6 miles away, driving time about 1 hour and 58 minutes

- [Los Angeles International Airport](#) is 120.7 miles away, driving time 2 hours and 16 minutes

- [The Bob Hope Airport](#) in Burbank and the [Ontario Airport](#) in Ontario are further away.

Start doing your research now, and, as soon as you can, make your reservations. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

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he held many positions before being promoted to Assistant Treasurer. He was a Mason for 63 years in Ilion, NY, holding the positions of Master of the Lodge, High Priest of the Royal Arch Mason, Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge NY Masons, and was Patron of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the American Legion, the Shriners, the Elks Club, the Odd Fellows, and the Seeley Genealogical Society, where he served as Treasurer. He was also an avid baseball fan. His preferred team was the NY Mets. He especially loved to spend time with family and friends at his camp on Canadarago Lake.

He is the beloved father of William J. Thresher and his wife, Joy Bagwell, Betty Zarrella and her husband, Charles Roberts, Evelyn Hallberg and her husband, Raymond, and Barbara Truitt and her husband, G. Frederick Truitt, Jr. He also leaves ten loving grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Evelyn Gullis Thresher, his second wife, Betty Ann Turner Nichols Thresher, and his brother, Richard G. Thresher.

Friends were invited to his burial on Oct. 8 in the Dolgeville Cemetery in Dolgeville, NY.

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2021 SGS Reunion Site Selection Process

One of the major decisions made by the membership at biennial SGS reunions is the selection of the site for the next reunion. In order to streamline the process of selecting the reunion location, SGS members are asked to nominate locations in advance of an upcoming reunion.

The first meeting of a reunion usually occurs the day before the reunion officially begins and is the final meeting of the outgoing SGS Executive Board. As always, all members are invited and encouraged to attend. Although there is much discussion about the activities of each of the board members in the preceding two years, usually the only new business of that meeting is selecting a site to present to the membership during the reunion's general membership meeting. During the board meeting each of the site

nominees is discussed and the board members select one to present to the membership during the reunion's general membership meeting.

With that in mind members are asked to take time now to nominate a location they believe would be a good one for the 2019 SGS Reunion. The form for doing so is below.

It is important to note that as a nominator, you would be expected to provide information about the location along with the nomination form.

Attending the meeting of the board at which the reunion site is debated would also be helpful. Finally, you would be a part of the reunion committee that conducts site visits and sets up the reunion. The reunion committee will be chaired by the SGS president elected during the 2017 reunion.

For reference, the locations

nominated for the 2019 reunion were San Diego, CA (which was the site selected), Glens Falls, NY, and Newburgh, NY.

Below are the locations of previous SGS reunions:

1. 1980 Lyons, CO
2. 1983 Denver, CO
3. 1986 Fort Wayne, IN
4. 1989 Fort Wayne, IN
5. 1992 Wethersfield, CT
6. 1995 Salt Lake City, UT
7. 1997 St John, NB, Canada
8. 1999 Abilene, KS
9. 2001 Tacoma, WA
10. 2003 Williamsburg, VA
11. 2005 Abilene, KS
12. 2007 Wethersfield, CT
13. 2009 Salt Lake City, UT
14. 2011 Horseheads, NY
15. 2013 Grand Rapids, MI
16. 2015 Abilene, KS
17. 2017 Parkersburg, WV



Site Location Nomination Form

FOR THE

SGS 2021 International Reunion

NOTE: Please send to the SGS President Lynda Simmons, 125 Parkview Drive, Park City, UT 84098, (435-649-9878), summitkids@gmail.com, by May 1, 2019.

The SGS Executive Board will consider nominations at the board meeting of elected and appointed officers on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. Recommendations will be presented at that meeting and voted on at that time.

I WOULD LIKE THE SGS EXECUTIVE BOARD AND APPOINTED OFFICERS TO CONSIDER AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR THE 2021 REUNION THE FOLLOWING CITY:

SPECIAL CONNECTIONS TO SGS OR SEELEY FAMILY MEMBERS:

CONVENIENT LOCATION, TRANSPORTATION, PRICE CONSIDERATIONS, ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA, OR POTENTIAL SPEAKERS (PLEASE EXPLAIN):

I am willing to serve on the committee if this site is selected

☐ YES ☐ NO

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST)

SIGNATURE

Include a local tourist bureau brochure, if available.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

SGS Queries (as of October 20, 2018)

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker

The SGS query column leverages the amassed knowledge of SGS, the research skills of the Society's query team, and the knowledge of SGS members to help answer challenging research questions.

Submit queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com, or mail to Linda at home (contact information on page 15). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor, researched, and then sent to the query team for input. Linda summarizes the query and responses for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Be sure to follow a few guidelines when submitting a query:

Be specific and detailed: Give all the information you have about the person or family in question,

especially dates and locations.

What resources have you already consulted? SGS publications or website? Census? Cemetery records? County histories? Family Bible? Others? (Specify.)

What exactly do you want to know? Parents' names and details? Sibling information? Information on a family marrying into a Seeley family? Our sources?

After your query is printed, please keep us informed of any information you receive or further progress you make on your own. Other members may be interested in or related to your line.

We will publish an update to your query with any new information we receive. This may lead to even more new information. One more name,

date, or place may be the key to linking your line to others. Your query will also be posted on the website. Make sure we have your current and complete contact information—sometimes we receive new information months or even years after a query appears.

If you have information to share on queries from current or past issues of the Newsletter, send it to the query submitter and also to Linda Crocker, **so the query can be updated in the next Newsletter. Please include the query number**, preferably in the subject line of your email. Remember to cite your sources.

The query number is the two digit year, two digit month of the Newsletter issue and query sequence number.

QUERY UPDATES

Update to Query 1808-3 Submitted by Cindy Leshinski.

Cindy's husband did a DNA test and found out that his father was not his biological father. Instead he was a Seeley. They could tell from the results that he had Hoadley ancestors and so was probably a descendant of John Wesley Seeley and Mary Ann Hoadley. SGS suggested that he do a Y-DNA test in addition to the autosomal test he had done. Cindy reports that they have now found a first cousin on his father's side, so they know his father was one of three sons of Harold and Mary Roug Seeley. Harold is a son of John Wesley and Mary Ann Seeley. Unfortunately, all three sons have passed away, but Cindy and her husband are in contact with "amazing second cousins, who have been so kind and helpful."

NEW QUERIES

1811-1 Submitted by Joy Giacomo Duke via the SGS Facebook page.

Joy is looking for information on Ruby Seeley. There is a photo displayed in a Campobello lighthouse, the East Quoddy Lighthouse (see right). Its caption notes that Ruby is the daughter of George and Frances Seeley. However Joy cannot find any information to substantiate that she was their daughter. The caption also notes that Ruby married Roger Sprague. Joy wonders if "Ruby" is a nickname. Her father, George, was keeper of the lighthouse in the early 1900s. Joy would appreciate any information.

SGS Response: Campobello Island is in New Brunswick, Canada. I found an article about the lighthouse here: <http://lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=1022>. It lists Neil A. Seely as the lighthouse keeper 1882-1903.

1891 census Campbello, Charlotte, NB

- Seelye, Neil, age 45, b. NB, parents b. NB, light keeper, steam fog whistle, gen engineer
- Seelye, Eliza L., age 46, b. NB, parents b. NB
- Seelye, Clement, age 20, George, age 18, Murchie, age 15, Normand, age 13, Urania, age 11, Ella, age 9, Portia, age 7

1901 census Campbello, Charlotte, NB

- Seelye, George, b. 7 Mar 1872, NB, engineer
- Seelye, Fanny, b. 2 Feb 1874, NB
- Seelye, Angus, b. 19 Jan 1896, Priscilla, b. 20 Mar 1897, Huld, b. 16 Mar 1899, Ese, b. 2 Jan 1901, all b. NB

Next home

- Seelye, Murchie, b.



Ruby Seeley, daughter of Frances and George. Ruby married Roger Sprague. Here she is holding her child George.

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28 Dec 1876, fisherman

- Seelye, Gracie, b. 15 May 1881, NB
- Seelye Luther, b. 1 Feb 1898, Bessie, b. 1 Mar 1899, both b. NB

Next home

- Seelye, Neail, b. 12 May 1847, NB, fog alarm and light house keeper
- Seelye, Jane, b. 30 Apr 1846, NB
- Seelye Norman, b. 4 May 1878, engineer, Ella, b. 26 Mar 1882, Portia, b. 11 Jul 1885, all b. NB

With this information I checked *The Seelys of New Brunswick* by Harold Fanjoy and Hap Ward, 1992. Their information on this family is not complete, but it says that George, son of Neil, went to ME and had 14-16 children.

1910 census Lubec, Washington, ME

- Seeley, George W., age 38, b. CAN, CAN, CAN, engineer in sardine factory, md. 16 yrs. to
- Seeley, Frances E., age 35, b. CAN, CAN, CAN, 11 ch. 9 living
- Seeley, Angus W., age 15, Doris E., age 13, Hulda P., age 11, all b. CAN, CAN, CAN
- Laura J., age 8, Letena, age 6, George H., age 4, John, age 1, Ella B., age 0 mos., all b. ME, CAN, CAN

1920 census Lubec, Washington, ME

- Seeley, George W., age 46, b. CAN, CAN, CAN, stationary engineer at sardine factory, to US in 1895
- Seeley, Frances E., age 44, b. CAN, CAN, CAN, to US in 1895
- Seeley, Angus A., age 24, apprentice electrician, Laura S., age 17, Tine E., age 16, George, age 14, John, age 13, Theodore, age 10, Rosie, age 7, Ethel, age 6, Kathleen, age 3, all b. ME

1930 census Garner, Worcester, MA

- Seeley, George W., age 56, b. CAN, CAN, CAN, engineer at chair factory, md. 35 yrs. to
- Seeley, Fannie E., age 53 B. CAN, CAN, Can, dressmaker
- Sargent, Latina E., age 26, md 4 yr, b. ME, CAN, CAN, housekeeper
- Sargent, Henry, age 4 yrs., 1 mo., b. MA, MA, ME
- Seeley, George H., age 23, John C., age 22, Theodore R., age 20, Ethel B., age 16, Katherine P., age 13, all b. ME, CAN, CAN

This seems to be the correct George and Frances/Fannie Seeley/Seelye, but there is no daughter Ruby, and the daughters that are listed all died young or married other people. I cannot find any Roger Sprague married to a Ruby, nor with a son George. Can anyone identify these folks? If so, get in touch with me!

1811-2 Submitted by Agneta (A.G.) Breitenstein
(agbreitenstein@gmail.com)

A.G. is interested in learning more about her paternal grandmother Mabel/Maybell Seeley. She wonders whether her father, Robert Seeley Breitenstein, is an SGS descendant, and if there are other descendants of his line still living in New Haven.

SGS Response:

1940 census New Haven, New Haven, CT

- Breitenstein, Albert F., age 56, widower, b. CT, mechanical engineer and manager at tool factory
- Breitenstein, Louise C., age 67, Julia F., age

60, both sisters, b. CT

- Breitenstein, Robert S., age 4 b. CT
1930 census New Haven, New Haven, CT

- Breitenstein, Albert F., age 45 b. CT, SWITZ, SWITZ, tool factory manager, md. 7 yrs. to
- Breitenstein, Maybelle J., age 35 b. CT, CT, CT
1920 census New Haven, New Haven, CT
- Seeley, Joseph T., age 44 b. CT, CT, CT, RR conductor
- Seeley, Mary B., age 44 b. CT, CT, CT
- Seeley, Mabel J., age 24 b. CT, CT, CT, stenographer at tool company

1910 census New Haven, New Haven, CT

- Seeley, Joel, age 38, b. CT, ?, CT, steam rail conductor, md. 17 yrs. to
- Seeley, Mary, age 37, b. CT, CT, Wales, 7 ch., 4 living
- Seeley, Mabel, age 16, Grace, age 8, Olive, age 4, Walter, age 2, all b. CT, CT, CT
- also a lot of lodgers

1900 census New Haven, New Haven, CT

- Seeley, Joel T., b. Nov 1871 CT, CT, Cuba, RR brakeman, md. 7 yrs. to
- Seeley, Mary, b. May 1872, CT, CT, CT, 2 ch, 1 living
- Seeley, May Bell, b. Oct 1893, CT, CT, CT
- Blakeslee, James, father-in-law, b. July 1851, CT, IRE, CT, widower, day laborer

Also in New Haven

- Seeley, Henry, b. Oct 1843, CT, Ct, CT, plumber, divorced, boarder in home of William C. Monsell

1880 New Haven, New Haven, CT

- Seeley, Almira D., age 72, md., b. CT, CT, CT
- Seeley, Henry S., age 39, b. CT, CT, CT, son widower, plumber
- Seeley, Almira A., age 36, dau., b. CT, CT, CT,, divorced
- Seeley, Harry W., age 21, silver plater, Alice W., age 19, Joel T., age 10, all grandchildren b. CT, CT, So. America

1870 New Haven, New Haven, CT

- Seeley, Henry S., age 32, b. CT, plumber
- Seeley, Ann, age 27 b. Dominica
- Seeley, Ella, age 14, Henry W., age 12, Alice A., age 10, Deuritta, age 7, Addie, age 6, Edna, age 2, all b. CT

1860 New Haven, New Haven, CT

- Seeley, Charles, age 54, b. CT, ship Master
- Seeley, Almira, age 52 b. CT
- Seeley, Adelbert, age 21, seaman, Almira, age 18,
- Seeley, Henry, age 23, plumber
- Seeley, Ann, age 21
- Seeley, Ella, age 3, Harvey, age 1

1850 New Haven (Fair Haven), New Haven, CT

- Seely, Charles, age 41, b. CT, sailor
- Seely, Almira, age 42, b. CT
- Seely, Henry, age 12, Albert, age 10, Almira, age 8, all b. CT

Charles Seeley is SGS# 1194, and his son Henry S is SGS# 2935. In SGS "*Seventh Generation Families of Nathaniel Seeley*" we do not have information that Henry had descendants, nor do we list his brother Albert/Adelbert. Our database does not have Henry's children either, so I

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will be updating the Ancestral File to show these additions..

I could not find a marriage record for Henry S. and his wife, Ann, nor her death record. If anyone has further information on this family, let us know.

1811-3 Submitted by Stephen Block via the SGS Facebook page.

Stephen's grandmother was the daughter of Etta Squire and John Frank (Francesco) Seley. What is her ancestry?

SGS Response: Chris Havnar worked on this family as she investigated burials in Greenwood Cemetery, Crawford Co., PA, to add material to the SGS Ancestor File. One of the

headstones there is for Alexander Powers Seley, b. 3 Aug 1842 in Greenwood, d. Geneva, Crawford, PA, 28 Aug 1872, age 30.

Findagrave

(www.findagrave.com)

entry his wife as Delia Antoinette Manning Stevenson and his child as Francisco Seley, who was born in Greenwood and died in Portland, OR.

Chris also found an obituary for Stephen's mother from Walton's Funeral Homes and Cremations:



Aileen Lindsay Sherwood Block passed away on May 31, 2013. She was born to the late William Sherwood and Miriam Seley, Oct. 14, 1925 in Medford, Oregon. Aileen graduated from Prospect High School in 1938 and then graduated from Oregon State College with dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Education and Home Economics. She was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She married Frank E. Block in 1947 and they recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. She lived for many years in Corvallis, Oregon, and in 2009 moved to Reno to live with family. Aileen was an award winning watercolor artist whose work was displayed in several public buildings including the Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis. She was also a harpist and a published author. Her popular cookbook sells in both the United States and around the world. Aileen tasked herself with keeping the family chronology which spanned generations. She is survived by her husband, Frank, brother David Richey, daughter Emily Barnes (Vern) of Reno, son Stephen Block (Judy) of Palm Springs, and six grandchildren. Her grandchildren knew her as "Grandma A". Inurnment will be at Northern Nevada Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. A Memorial gathering is planned with family and friends. "See you in Heaven!"

1900 Census: Salem, Marion, OR

- Seley, John F Seley, b. Nov 1867, PA PA PA, teacher music, md. 6 yrs. to
- Seley, Etta S., wife, b. June 1872, MI MI MI, 3 children,

2 living

- Seley, Arthur M., son, b. May 1895, MI PA MI, F. Miriam, dau, b. Dec 1896, OH PA MI
 - Elsie M Stevenson, b. May 1883, PA PA PA
- 1920 census: Salem Ward 4, Marion, OR
- Seley, Etta Squier, age 47, wd, b. MI MI, unknown writer for magazine
 - Seley, Arthur, age 24, b. MI PA MI;
 - Seley, Mariam F., age 23, stenographer in office, Russell, age 16, b. OR PA MI, delivery boy for grocery store, both b. OH PA MI

1930 census Flounce Rock, Jackson, OR

- Sherwood, William E., age 34, b. OH, OH, OH, service station merchant, md. 7 yrs. to
- Sherwood, Francis M., age 33, b. OH, IL, IN
- Sherwood, William A., age 5 yrs., 11 mos., Aileen L., age 4 yrs., 6 mos., both b. OR, OH, OH

1940 census Flounce Rock, Jackson, OR

- Richey, Thomas J., age 44, b. KS, owner/operator camp resort
- Richey, Marian F., age 43, b. OH
- Richey, Aileen L., age 14, stepdaughter, b. OR
- Richey, Thomas W., age 6, David J., age 5, both b. OR

Chris traced the line back to Joseph Seley, b. 1785 PA, d. 1855 Greenwood, PA, and his wife, Lovina Loper. So the line is Stephen BLOCK, Aileen L SHERWOOD, Frances Miriam Seley, John Francisco Seley, Alexander Powers Seley, James L. Seley, Joseph Seley, b. 1785. Unfortunately, this is one of our brick walls. If you have any suggestions, please contact me.

SGS Reunion 2019 in San Diego



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Lynda Simmons to find
out how you can help!**



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